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HARRIETT B. SCEARCE
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When were you born? February 24, 1913

How long have you lived in Shelbyville? All my life.

How long has your family lived in Shelby County? All our lives...both sides.

Can you tell me your parents names? Fielding Edward Ballard, Sr. and Hattie Thompson Weakley Ballard.

What was your father's occupation? Insurance...accounting...tobacco business.

Did he grow tobacco himself or was he...? No, uh, warehouses.

Did your mother have an occupation? No. Housewife. A busy one. Seven children.

How many of those were brothers and how many were sisters? Four girls and three boys.

Are you married? Widowed.

What did your husband do? Banker.

And he lived in Shelbyville, too? Uh-huh.

What was his name? William A. Searce, Sr.

Do you have any children? Three children. Two boys and one girl.

Do they still live in Shelbyville? No. The daughter has come back to Shelbyville.

And what does she do? She has taken the buyout package from IBM so she's semi-retired I would say. She's still working.

What are some of your early memories about the downtown area? I don't guess you'll remember much of the 1910's...maybe a little bit. **What do you remember about the 1910's in the downtown area?** I was born in 1913.

Yeh, so you remember from '13 to '20 anything specific? Well, it certainly has grown from a little town to what.... It's still a little town but it has grown so much in the period that you're asking about. Of course, we used to walk to town a lot and get an ice cream cone and, I guess, come home and when I had my children... that we were still walking... in their carts to town and back. That was sort of little exercise we had... and pleasure. And, um, we had many, many different types of stores on Main Street. Most of them were from Fourth Street to Eighth Street. We had general merchandise, hardware stores, drug stores, tinnners....

Did you say "tinnners"? Tinnners. Uh-huh.

What was that? John M. Casey was a big tinner. T-I-n-n-e-r. Stoves... sold stoves and made tin things. In fact, his building is located between Fourth and Fifth on the northside of the street and has his name, John M. Casey on it. So, it's an old, old family with boys who followed up. But, I can remember Mr. John M.

Is that right? Does his family still live around here? Yeh, they still... I tell you the Casey... what is our house that the historical house is renovating? **Oh yeah.** That is the Casey house. **Is that right?**

What are some of the other names of the businesses? You mentioned the hardware stores and the groceries, do you remember any other names of businesses and proprietors? The owners? Yes and the name of the business. Let's see, Smith-McKenney Drug Store. Mr. Greg Smith... I can well remember him. Now there was a Logan prior to that and I do not remember when Mr. Logan... I remember and know OF him and I know his son. But, Smith-McKenney is the first one that I remember where one of the owners was still living. He was quite active in politics and through Frankfort and was active as a Democrat, I'm sure. Then let's come on down the street to Harbison and Smith... which was a men's wearing apparel... haberdashery.

Were most of these on Main Street? Yeh. These are on the south side coming from Fifth Street west. Uh, I think Harbison-Smith was Coell and Harbison prior to it being... and the Smith was a son, I believe, of Mr. Greg Smith... and Stiner Smith. In fact, my father... years ago, for Coell and Harbison... prior to Harbison-Smith... uh, used to keep their records and work there. He was quite an accountant. He had an awful lot of business keeping businesses records and books. Uh, then we come... we'll come on down the street to Camel's. Mr. R.A. Camel's hardware store and uh, that was Middleton's, he married a Ms. Middleton and it was Middleton, I think, before we always called R.A. Camel's. Next, I believe, is Lawson's Dry Goods. Mr. Stanley Lawson came here... I think it was New Mexico years and years ago and established the piece goods and ladies ready-to-wear. He had two sons, Briggs Lawson and Jack Lawson... John C. Lawson. Jack stayed with his daddy over a period of years. Briggs left and formed a men's ready-to-wear. It started out as Brigg's and then it went into Briggs-Hower. Then we come down to Wadlington's Hardware Store. He had everything in the world! If he

didn't have it today, he'd have it tomorrow if you went in there and ordered it. Um, then, I think... or down to... maybe, Owen... no, a jewelry store which I can remember as VanHoy's Jewelry Store. It went into Owen S. Kinney Jewelry. Then Mark J. Scearce bought it right at the beginning of the second World War. He remained the owner of it even though he had established himself at Wakefield-Scearce Galleries. He later did sell his jewelry store on Main Street. Of course, Wakefield-Scearce continues as the Gallery. Then we had another store right, I believe, next to that which was a ten cent store... they called it... it was uh... I remember it changed hands several times... Trolland's, I believe, was the first owner that I can remember. Then Harrison bought it from Olivia Trolland after her husband died. It went into a... goodness, I can't think of the person's name... VanSlykes... s-l-y-k-e. Now, I don't know what it is now (laughing)! Uh, then we had what used to be one of the first chain grocery stores. Quakermaid maybe before Piggly Wiggly. I believe they both were there. Then, in the last ten years... I've lost track of time... it may be more than that... it was Dewey's pool room and uh, Hardin... we always called him Tootie, I can't remember what his... Thomas... Thomas Hewlett. He was adopted by the Hardin's... or rather they took him in. I don't know whether they legally adopted him but he was their son. And he ran the pool room until about ten years ago and he sold it. Oh, I have skipped Fielding Ballard's law office which was Mark Scearce's Jewelry Store. Now, we're back to Hewlett's. And, uh, I remember we stepped up two steps to get into the little chain store... the grocery store. I believe the next one was the Bank of Shelbyville on the corner. I may have missed some of the little stores in there but that was Main Street from Fifth to Sixth.

Well, uh... Now listen, starting at the courthouse at Fifth Street there have been several owners in my lifetime. It was Goodman Brothers, I think, first. Then it went into Hall, Poe and Ruff and then Poe and Ruff and it was, uh, I believe it was a type of combination drugstore and candy... I can't think of what else I got in there! Maybe it was a hardware store, too. And, uh, then next to that was Baldwin's Jewelry Store. Mr. Baldwin owned this house where I am, I think. And there was Sanders Pool Room next to Baldwin's Jewelry Store. The pool room changed several hands and it used to be Sanders and Harbison and Sanders and Buckner... b-u-c-k-n-e-r... and they had a bowling alley upstairs and we women never did play pool downstairs but we went up the side steps into the bowling alley. And on the next building east was Hallenbach's Confectionery and that was the ice cream store really. And Hallenbach's changed hands and went to, uh, Long's... Paul Long's and Paul is a brother to the Charles Long... about whom you mentioned. The Charles on the north side of the street. And then the Citizens Union... the Citizen's Bank... it was not Citizen's Union then it was Citizen's Bank. Which is now located at the corner of the north side of the street at Ninth Street. Then we had several little narrower stores west of the Citizen's Bank. One of them, I believe, was Central Shoe Store and it went into a restaurant. Then we had several little, uh... we've had several, uh, Jewish families... well thought of by our community and have established Shelbyville and have given... contributed to Shelbyville. As I remember part of them, there was a Salinger. I don't remember anything. I just remember the name of Salinger and I think it was dry goods store. Piece goods... that's the way they called it.

And the Stern's... s-t-e-r-n-s... piece goods place. And Ms. Bessie Stern married the Ruben... Mr. Mark Ruben, one of our main Ruben gentleman.

What do these dry good stores have? Do they just have like...? I think the Jewish people, that was one of their strong points and they established dry goods stores and piece goods places. They didn't sell ready-made things, it was just piece goods.

So what, now I'm not sure...I'm portraying my youth here...what was there between dry goods and piece goods? What do they both sell? Nothing. No difference. **You just called them dry goods, I guess...**I've never thought of the difference. It came by the bolt and you cut pieces off of it. I guess that's the way the names came. But they were in that kind of business. Well, there was also... well, we haven't gotten down on the other street... there was a Loeb's... l-o-e-b-s... and that's another Jewish family. All of those several people were in those little stores that were west of Hallenbach's and Citizens Union Bank.

When did these Jewish businesses you talked about start coming? They started coming to Shelbyville early. In fact, Mr. Ruben has left his estate to... in trust... and the interest from that... the interest is used to better Shelbyville... and for all sorts of... they get grants. And they said they owed everything they had to Shelbyville and they wanted Shelbyville... this was Mr. Mose Ruben who made these decisions. All the other Ruben's had died in the meantime... his sister and Mark. Then on down past the smaller buildings and maybe inclusive of some of these little buildings, I'll give you their names, was Thompson's Grocery. Uh, Thompson's Grocery and Mr. W.L. Thompson... no, I don't know what his name was... he left here and went to North Carolina when I was a teenage girl. But, he ran a grocery store there a long time. And also, Cole's Hardware Store was west of that and Bostler's recreation came into that building, uh, after, uh, Mr. Cole's died and sold him the building. That didn't last too long cause they started up during the Depression and it just wasn't... it was too clean, too good a place to make money in Shelbyville. And Biagi is located in that location now. In fact, Biagi has two buildings in there which include and Cole's and Bostler's maybe. It's one and the same but it's approximately there. And then we have W. F. Dice Bookstore which was here... you may have heard of that. And that was firm was owned by Mr. Bill Dice's daddy and his family and they ran it after Avis Kirk... a Mr. Kirk... S. Kirk had a bookstore over there. Then Bill Dice ran it after his daddy died. His aunt... two aunts ran the store with him... especially Ms. Mattie Dice. Ms. Ethel Dice was just in and out. She more or less stayed home and took care of her house and the Catholic Church! She was the right hand person, I think, for the Catholic Church. Next, west of Bill Dice's store is Crane's Barber Shop. Now it may have been somebody else's before Crane's but I hardly think so. I have the record of Bill Crane who retired after 54 years, I think, of that. And then on the corner where, uh, on the corner of Sixth Street, there was Ransdell's Drug Store and then, uh, a baby shop, uh... Lou... Nancy Lou's Baby Shop which was well established and did a good job of furnishing baby clothes and young children's clothes from about '34 to '40. I don't know. Maybe longer than that. And that's the end of Sixth Street... at Sixth Street. Now do you want me to come on down below that? **If you can keep on going!**

(Laughing) On the corner of uh, on the northwest corner of Sixth Street, is the Farmers and Traders Bank building. That was that oldest bank in town. In fact, that was the bank that my husband was president of when he died quite suddenly in 1958. He was only 55 years old. But, since that time... since 1958, we have had a change of personnel in there completely. And it changed to several presidents. When Bill died there was... I might leave out somebody and I don't want to do that... uh, the Citizens Union Bank bought it and it's one of the branch banks of Citizens Union. And, uh, next to that, inclusive of the bank now cause Bill bought the Clevel... the Farmers and Traders Bank bought the Cleveland's Barber Shop next to that and incorporated that into the Farmers and Traders Bank. Next to that was Ruben's Dry Goods Store. That was THE Ruben family that has helped Shelbyville financially so much. And, uh, then it went into... when Mrs. Ruben died and uh, Mr. Green, a man from Louisville, oh, had a dress... piece goods and dress. Mr. Green's, I believe, was just dresses. I don't remember him carrying any piece goods. Then, I believe it's where the parking lot is now, I'm sure it is, was Ms. Alice Hallenbach who was a sister and part of the family that owned the Hallenbach Confectioners up the other way. And then, uh, May's dress shop was in that building and then they finally bought that building for the bank and I think that's what they tore down and made the parking lot. Next to that was Mr. Ruben, I believe it was he who, uh, built that group of stores... one, two, three or four west of that parking lot and inclusive of that was Lynch's Drug Store first. It went into, uh, Scolfield's and... Bradbury-Scolfield's for awhile and then they moved up to Smith-McKenney and joined that group. Oh and then the drugstore went into the family of... let's see, I don't know what their name was. Then there were several homes along with Ms. Alice Hallenbach's home on down. They were little... I remember them as little red, clapboard buildings... they weren't brick. Ms. Alice's was a brick house. There was a welding shop and the Scolfield home and the welding shop was owned by a family... I think they were kin... of Mr. Porter and Mr. Fawkes and that was the welding shop. And then we come on down to that pretty... STILL pretty old... well, there's a vacant lot now where the car lot is... then there's a little alley way and next is a red brick home that a Mr. Carter ran... Rogers, no, Carter... he was chiropractor up there. And then next to that is the Presbyterian Church. That takes in that block. Now we go on further where the post office is now and it's called the Mulberry Building where the post office WAS. They tore down the old Colonial Hall, I believe they called it... Colonial Hotel... and that's where Shelbyville College used to be and then Stewart's School... a whole lot of schools were there at that building and they tore that building... the government bought it and tore it down and made the post office. Of course, the post office is not there anymore. It's down at Third Street... Fourth Street... Fourth Street... Third or Fourth. Uh, then, next to that is Eddie Hall's apartment house that, I think, if I'm not mistaken, the first hamburger place. It could be the first hamburgers made there... and I think that it was the, um... oh, what's the name of the hamburger place in Louisville... the older one? Uh, they make so many little ones? **The White Castle?** Yes, I believe, White Castle was first there. Next to that was where the Baptist Henderson House is now. That used to be a florist... Miller and Wright Florist and then it was Weaver's Funeral Home. West of that was the Bryant home and Ed Hall built that and made apartments there. Dr. Smith... doctor... I always said Dr. Smith... had that and he had his general practice in his home. Next to that was

Shannon's Funeral Home... home and funeral home and then the corner building was Sander's Bakery. Now across the street west of that and still on the north side was the Mammoth Garage. Whether or not that was owned by Barnett's then, I think it was... there was a family of Barnett's that owned that. That's where the theater is now. West of that was Mr. Davis... Albert Davis' daddy's home. He built that. Then the family of O'Nan's and O'Sullivan's. And that is the O'Sullivan that ran the old Sentinel newspaper. Next to that there were some old maid sisters... I remember they were old maids. They were aunts to _____ Louise Fitts. Middleton Fitts whose family originally owned Cross Keys, uh, known inn toward Clayvillage. And then the corner house, I first remember it as the Ellis home but I'm sure it was owned by somebody else before the Ellis family moved there. Mr. Elmore Wise finally came into it. I can go on up the street. I feel like you're getting enough of this.

Well, if you've written more down... I mean I just took the business sections. See, this is still the business section. All right now let's take the next block. That's down here at... two blocks down. The Maser home, I mean, where Joyce Jones lives which is now W.A. Smith Realty company and Judge Cardwell's home which is... has been an antique place, I think it had blue shutters on it... it's been sold several times. And then a Mr. Chilton who was a well known electrician and plumber lived next and then Mr. Joe Hall's home where Craig's Realty company is now. Judge Gilbert's home... the red brick... the white brick now it is with iron grill work up at the top... Dr. Ellis has just died and left that, but that was Judge Gilbert who was in the legislature in the White House. Next to that was the Cliff Home... the red brick on the corner where the law... it's a law firm now. That's at Tenth Street. Well, I think we'll stop there.

Well, now, we've talked about a lot of businesses up and down the street here. How have these businesses changed? I heard you mention a lot of dry goods earlier. Now, are there dry goods stores down there now? Absolutely not. All that Shelbyville has now on that street that I'm talking about are law offices, Biagi's electrical appliance place, Gus Barnett's Realty Company... he's retired, and, uh... drugstores changed hands and had several things there... H & R Block once. And, uh, Smith-McK... on the other side of the street I fey it to say that the Baptist Church was on that corner. Mr. Shannon... not Bill Shannon's people... gave the city blocks... four blocks and had a fountain in the middle to the city as long as it was a city. And those blocks... he was a real estate man. His idea, see, was to give the blocks and then the town built around it which is what happened. But, the Baptist Church was built on that south west corner and uh... my mother was quite active in that. She and a black man took care of the Baptist Park and had pretty flowers and all that. Of course, now that's where the Veterans monument is... Vietnam veterans. And, uh, then next to that, see, is the Hickman's place and all the rest of that is antique places and antique malls. Then you get down to Fielding Ballard's attorney law office and then you run into the Bank of Shelbyville which is now Liberty? No. Yeh. Liberty Bank is a Louisville Bank. Of course, next to that used to be the Armstrong Hotel owned by a family of Armstrongs... an older family here in town. And we had a big grocery store. That hotel burned and that's where Tracy's store is now. Blakemore's Grocery was next to that and that was a well known

established grocery store. Then we had a movie theater... the Bon Ton Theater. On down past that was a pool room... Donahue's Pool Room and uh... KU operated down that way. We had a livery stable... Wakefield's Livery Stable. I think I can remember it... I'm not real sure. Horses had near gone out by the time I came along.

When did the livery stable dissolve? I would guess it to be about 19... 1920, I expect. Early '20's.

Did you start to see...well, obviously if there were few horses at that time...did you start to see more cars around there or were people walking more? They, uh, I really don't know. I guess they were walking. I don't remember what happened but I didn't see a bunch of cars. We had another livery stable over at the corner of Washington Street... Hansford's Livery Stable... and that did house a lot of horses and buggies that people would come in to town and leave their horses over there at his livery stable. That was right behind the... right at... at the north side of Fifth Street behind the Methodist Church. That was another livery stable. But I hardly remember... in fact, I'm not real sure I remember Mr. Blakemore. But I think I've touched... oh, there next to the Baptist Church up there I've skipped the Shelby News.

The newspaper? Shelby... which is now Shelby Sentinel.

Well, speaking of the Baptist Church, do you go to church here in town? Yes. **Which one?** Baptist. Which where are now... that church burned back in 1909 and they rebuilt it and it was uh, in 1958 it literally fell in! I've got all those pictures in there if later you want to see them. Nobody was in the church and it was just a miracle! Nobody but Mrs. Bailey and she managed to get back when she heard cracking. It literally... it was a dome church and it literally fell in.

What was the name of the church? First Baptist.

First Baptist Church. And it's since moved locations now? We had already bought a lot. We had outgrown that one. We had already bought a lot. As Bill Searce... my husband... said the good Lord made it fall in so it forced us to build our church more rapid! And that's the church that's out here on the west end of Shelbyville.

Have a lot of churches...back in the 20's and 30's where there a lot of churches in the downtown? Yes. We still have the Christian Church down there and the Catholic Church on down farther and uh, the Methodist Church is caddie cornered from the Baptist. See, all of those were park areas.

So, all of those churches have stayed in the same place? Yeh. The Baptist Church is the only one that was right there in town that has moved.

It just moved to expand. I see.

But I have this book of mother's that tells all about the churches in it.

Well, uh, you mentioned pool rooms and bowling and movies. Did you all usually go out on Saturday nights during the 20's and 30's? Yeh. I guess you could say that. Nobody kept late hours. All the places closed at ten o'clock. But when we'd go to the movies they were over at eight-thirty and we would go get a Coca-Cola and walk home. That's what I would do my courtin' too. My husband had a little Ford Roadster which we used, too. But we did a lot of walking. Everybody did a lot of walking.

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We have had many, many schools. In fact, I have a paper that my Aunt Florence Ballard... she and granddaddy both were historians. She was the first librarian and she had her own two little room library in one of these public buildings downtown for several years and then we had a grant from the Carnegie people and they built the Carnegie library and she was the first librarian.

In the Carnegie Library? Uh-huh. That's what ours is... the Carnegie Library. But I have some important papers of hers that are going to Frankfort to the historical place... the historical society. She starts from the very beginning of the way we started with our schools with our burial grounds... we had several burial grounds before we had Grove Hill. I've really gotten so interested in it I could just go on and on!

Where...have the schools stayed in the downtown area or have a lot of them shut down and moved away? Uh, the private schools... the one I mentioned that was there at the old post office there at the Mulberry thing, uh, was the last school. But heavens, it wasn't a school when I was... Science Hill stayed and I graduated from Science Hill. I graduated in 1930 from Science Hill School for Girls which was a preparatory school for the eastern colleges; however, I did not go to the eastern colleges.

What was it...like a high school or something? It was a high school. Well, it started out in first grade.

Oh, I see, so it went all the way up to high school? But I only went there the last four years. It was privately owned... that's where Wakefield-Scearce Gallery... that was the old Science Hill.

When did it close? 1939, I believe, was the last year. Our class of 1930, see, was the Depression days and that was the biggest class Science Hill had ever had. But they did not go in to athletics. They did not have a gymnasium. All they were... they were known for literary training for the girls to go to eastern colleges and they stuck by it.

An all girls school? Yes. An all girls school. And we were only out... I was a day people but they had boarders but they were always out of town that went... but, uh....

Was there an equivalent school for the boys? No. We didn't have an equivalent school for the boys. KMI was the nearest down in uh, Where was that? Down in uh, if you didn't ask me I could tell you... toward Louisville.

Out in LaGrange or somewhere like that? No it's out in that neighbor... Lyndon! Lyndon, Kentucky. And my great uncle owned that! **Oh, is that right?** It was Colonel Fowler and he, uh, at that time they had a school in Florida that they would take the boys to school in Florida in the winter months and come back to Lyndon for the warmer months, and uh, but they, then the school in Florida burned and he sold that property and then he later sold KMI, I think, to a Colonel Richardson.

A lot of these businesses we've discussed down here... did people live in town? Back in the 20's, 30's and 40's, did people live downtown and work downtown? They lived in and around Shelbyville.

Yeah, like where we are here on Main Street. There were no rooms... well, some of those buildings have rooms upstairs that they rented out as time went on maybe over all the years, I don't know. But there was not a home area... but anyway people lived in and around the town... there was no... what... out in the county. I doubt there was anybody that drove any distance every day. It was local.

Do you think people still live in town or do people live out in the county or out as far as Louisville? Both ways.

When do you think people started spreading out from Shelbyville? I guess when Shelbyville started going which, I venture to say, has been the last, uh, since 1955 maybe. I'm hitting it too early. But still most people, I think, live here. They come through... leave Shelbyville to go to Frankfort. Leave Shelbyville to go to Louisville to work. But most people that work here in Shelbyville live here. Of course, there are not any big professional... there are professional people, but, and they all mostly....

Besides the changes in businesses...we've talked about a few burning down and coming back up, what other differences are there between how the downtown looks today? The sidewalks, the streets, the street signs...? The parking for cars used to be at an angle. Our streets are narrow to start with. You could hardly get through there with them angled on both sides. It was two way. It didn't get... it, uh, altered at 60 going both ways... one way street until the late 50's or early 60's. Late 50's. When Bill died in '58 and he... it was one way then... just had gotten that way. And, uh, I think that that's the biggest... then they, uh, when they made it parallel parking... I'd have to guess but they did that before the one way street. I think they made parallel parking maybe back in the 40's. This is just a guess with me! And, uh, of course, it was only completed from down at the east end of town where it divides and alters and comes up Washington Street on out to fairgrounds. That was not completed until 1950... the late 50's... closer to 60's.

What do you think are the biggest changes in the Main Street...in the downtown area in the years? The fact that we don't have any stores! And our grocery stores, see, are at the ends...at each end of town and uh, where we used to, uh... when the grocery stores moved out, that took the people. You could almost see the... we always said as long as you had a grocery store in town we had people!

When did the grocery stores start to move to the ends of town? Uh, I would say... the last one was Kroger that moved out. It was located over on the south side of the street where one of those antique places are. Up toward Smith-McKenney. We had a... I'm sure it was Kroger... and that was possibly in... let's just judge everything in 1960 and I may be a little late there... I don't think I am though cause it stayed longer. And that could've been the A & P store... it wasn't the Kroger because Mr. Moffett was one of the last managers there. Then Mr. Richardson came in and he was Krogers. Well, we'll just have to say either Krogers or A & P.

Of all the places you've mentioned...I know you said your husband was involved with the tobacco warehouse or your father.... My father. He was a part owner. **Part owner, I see. Where...were the tobacco warehouses ever in the downtown area?** Oh no, the tobacco ware... it's near the downtown area... it's here at Eleventh Street. The others were out on Seventh Street north then later... oh, and over here on Equity Street... two streets back of Main... there was a... and Globe was right here just on Clay Street. And, uh, then the Growers was over on Seventh Street north and the Planters was on Seventh Street north. Then they sold them and moved out toward Frankfort and then the Globe... the Globe is still operating. Then those others... my daddy and two other men owned the Southwestern Redrier which was across the street from the Globe tobacco warehouse. That was the redrier of the tobacco. As long as we've got that redrier... well, it's not a redrier it's a packing thing now, but as long as we've got that this branch of L & N will always be here cause they take care of that. That's the reason that track is still there.

How long has the railroad been here? 1850. I think so. Going by that little record there I think that's it. I could go farther there but I don't want to go into those records anymore.

Well, uh, you sure gave me a good summary of the downtown business district and everything else. Is there anything else...any other changes that you'd like to...? Well, now, we've had several laundries... our big laundry, the Shelbyville Laundry, was located for years over at the corner of Sixth and Clay Street and it was owned in later years by Mr. Lindsey Logan who is the daddy of these Logan boys who own the laundry now. They bought the corner over here... the north corner of Tenth Street and built the big laundry and it operated as Shelbyville Laundry and we could take your laundry there and have it done. Then they outgrew that and they went into commercial laundering and that's what they do now. But that's their main office.

What's the name? Logan's. l-o-g-a-n-s. Well, Logan...g-a-n. Logan's Laundry. But that is the... I guess, one of the biggest businesses in town. Privately owned business. Of course, we've got, uh... what's the name of that out on Finchville Road? It's come in... it's a German think... Budd. But this is privately owned. It's a corporation. And then of course the Gallery is so well known... where the Science Hill School was... where Mark died five years ago, I believe it's been. But, he was recognized by the state by somebody Wills... Willis... somebody Willis' honor just before he died. In fact, he was to get up and make an acceptance talk and we all... he wasn't looking well... and within three days... two days he was gone. He had a heart attack. But he was having trouble. So, it does happen to all of us. Well, I can't think of anything that I haven't already told you.

Well, I think you've done a real good job of telling me everything and I sure appreciate you sitting down and helping me with all of this. I hope I have helped you a little! I hope I've told it all correctly.